

**Cabinet for Health and Family Services  
Office of Health Policy  
Secretary's Advisory Committee on Health Care Transparency  
Tuesday, April 20, 2010  
1:00 PM – 3 PM  
Public Health Auditorium, Suite A**

**Agenda**

- I. Welcome and Opening Remarks
- II. Approval of Minutes (January 19, 2010)
- III. Status of Data Reporting Regulation
- IV. Status of Data Reporting for Ambulatory Facilities
- V. KHA Data Collection Contract
- VI. Update from KHA
  - a. Introduce new staff
  - b. KHA/State Data collection program
- VII. Dates for Next 4 Meetings

**SECRETARY'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HEALTHCARE  
TRANSPARENCY MEETING  
January 19, 2010  
1:00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:**

Sarah Chasteen  
Kentucky Medical  
Association

Bill Doll  
Jackson, Kelly PLLC

Paige Franklin  
Kentucky Hospital  
Association

Dr. John Lewis

Al Perkins(on behalf of  
Sharon Clark)  
Department of Insurance

Chuck Warnick  
Kentucky Hospital  
Association

Susan Tipton (on behalf of  
Marie Cull)  
Cull & Hayden

**ABSENT:**

D. Kurt Adams  
Kentucky Chiropractic  
Society

Carrie Banahan  
Office of Health Policy

Sharon Clark  
Department of Insurance

Victor Cooper, DC  
Cooper Chiropractic Center

Dr. William Hacker  
Department for Public  
Health

Betsy Johnson  
Department for Medicaid  
Services

Bill Nold  
Kentucky Department of Insurance

Melanie Shrader  
Kentucky Association of  
Health Plans

Marty White  
Kentucky Medical  
Association

Ben Yandell  
Norton Healthcare

**STAFF:**

Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Office of Health Policy		
Kris Hayslett	Sheena Lewis	Allison Martinez
Beth Morris	Chandra Venettozzi	

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chandra Venettozzi called the meeting to order in the CHFS Auditorium, Suite A, located in the Health Services building.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the July 21, 2009, meeting were approved as distributed.

### **REGULATOIN 900 KAR 7:030 – DATA REPORTING BY HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS**

The regulation was filed on November 13. There were no comments received. Prior to being filed, it was submitted to all the ambulatory facilities and the Kentucky Hospital Association for their review. It was heard by Administrative Regulation and Review Subcommittee earlier in January and it passed with no comments. Next month the regulation will go on to Health and Welfare for their review.

### **REPORTS REQUIRED BY STATUTE THAT HAVE BEEN FILED WITH LRC**

Chandra presented A Report of the Operations and Activities of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services Related to Health Data Collection for Hospital Inpatient Discharge and Outpatient Services July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009. This is an annual report that was filed in September. The second report, Healthcare in Kentucky: The Cabinet for Health and Family Services Biennial Report on Health Care Transparency July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2009, was also presented. This report contains information on the Transparency website and the steps taken to develop that. Both of these reports are available in the OHP data resource gallery at <http://chfs.ky.gov/ohp/dhppd/dataresgal.htm>. The 2009 Kentucky Minority Health Status Report is the third report that is required. Torrie Harris, Office of Health Equity, coordinated the effort to produce the report. It has not been filed and is still in draft form. The report will not be available on the website until it has been completed.

### **NON-COMPLIANT HOSPITAL REPORT**

OHP has reviewed the Data Submission Verification Reports from COMPData for 2008 and the first two quarters of 2009. There were 23 facilities that were non-compliant for at least one quarter. That non-compliance is in a variety of areas. Some are as simple as the facility forgot to submit their reported case counts while others are more severe. The facilities either failed to meet the 95% error-free rate or they failed to submit data at all. KHA sent letters to the 23 facilities and OHP followed up with additional letters. KHA then contacted the facilities that were not moving forward by phone. As of last week, all but 6 of the facilities had either filed paperwork to do late loads or had actually submitted their late loads. It will take some time for the process of the late load to be loaded onto Infosuite. Fines are being discussed for the 6 facilities that are not making progress.

### **REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE 28 AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTERS THAT NEED TO SUBMIT DATA**

Beginning in November 2008, the 28 ambulatory surgery centers were notified that they needed to begin reporting their data. Chandra spoke to them before the final submission date for third quarter of 2009 data. At that point in time, half of them were either already submitting or planned to submit for the third quarter. An additional 9 facilities were testing and planned to submit by first quarter of 2010. Roughly 82% of the facilities are already compliant or they are taking steps toward becoming compliant. Of the remaining 5 facilities, two are still early in the process and are still talking with their vendors. The other 3 are facilities that are going to have significant problems. As an example, one facility does not produce bills and are a cash only business. Another has a national software product that the vendor will not change. KHA will work with all of the ambulatory surgical centers, as well as other ambulatory facilities and determine the number of facilities that have problems in order to create a third reporting mechanism to assist them in becoming compliant.

#### **PRESENTATION ON MONAHRQ**

Paige Franklin provided an overview of the My Own Network – Powered by AHRQ (MONAHRQ). MONAHRQ will utilize our hospital discharge data and create a detailed website that allows users to go in and look at various quality and usage measures. It can present the data as maps, charts, rates and straight data. The base data can be input as often as we choose and the website updated. The software is downloaded to the user's computer, then the website is uploaded to our network. Since the Cabinet is a member of AHRQ, the software is free of charge. Dr. John Lewis asked if the site has a link to hospital comparison data. Currently they do not but KHA has requested that it be added. Chandra asked if there will be multiple year's data available. The current version only contains one year's worth of data but the next release should have multiple years of data.

#### **UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF DATA COLLECTION SERVICES BY KHA**

KHA signed an agreement last fall with the Iowa Hospital Association to purchase a license to use their data collection system. During the last quarter of 2009, KHA has been looking at the edits that were performed on the submitted data. Currently under that system, KHA uses CMS edits. KHA is adding their own edits in addition to that. All of the edits have been presented to the Office of Health Policy for review. Chuck Warnick expects the edits to be completed on or around April 26. At that time, the software should be ready for beta testing. Between now and then, KHA is hopefully within the final steps of interviewing and employing a director for data collections and training. This person's background would include experience in actual training of clinical personnel, a HIMs certified or a code certified professional. There have been over 45 resumes submitted for consideration, of which they have initially interviewed 6.

One of the benefits of the system is an online, web-based, secure edit routine. Facilities will see the record on the secure website. Any errors will be highlighted in yellow. Facilities will be able to verify what the corrections should be, enter it on that screen, then click enter. Cases will not need to be re-submitted over and over again. The manual for users will be developed and based on the Iowa manual.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.